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GOOD MAN FOR THE HELM

Public confidence in the Central Intelligence Agency was undoubtedly shaken by disclosures about the CIA's role in the abortive Cuban invasion attempt. From time to time, before and since the Cuban fiasco, questions have been raised as to the mammoth intelligence organization's effectiveness and as to its proper function. A changing concept of that function is, apparently, now being formulated.

None of this warrants continuing aspersions on the kind of job Allen Dulles did as CIA director. He served ably, and with courage. All the same, it is just as well that in this period of re-evaluation a new man should take the helm. John A. McCone has a fine record in both industry and government. There is reason to think that he will guide the CIA capably through the troubled waters ahead.

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